

# Categorical Exclusion

## LAD Marketing (Lithia) Red Rocks and Moon Rocks Film Permit

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### *Categorical Exclusion Review*

#### **Background**

##### **BLM Office:**

LLNVC02000

##### **Lease/Serial/Case File No.:**

Serial No. NVN 094029

##### **Location of Proposed Action:**

###### *Red Rocks*

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 24 N., R. 18 E.,

sec. 30, S½SE¼;

sec. 31, N½NE¼ and NE¼NW¼.

###### *Moon Rocks*

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 23 N., R. 20 E.,

sec. 21, NE¼, partly unsurveyed.

### **Description of Proposed Action:**

LAD Marketing (Lithia) submitted an application for a permit to film a television commercial for Reno Chrysler Jeep. Filming would consist of shots of Jeep vehicles driving on disturbed areas and trails. Lithia would film for one day on June 24, 2015. The filming would on sites located in Red Rocks and Moon Rocks areas. Filming would last approximately three to four hours at each location. Lithia proposes to use one camera, seven small vehicles (< than one ton), seven to eight crew members, three vehicles to carry equipment (two pickup trucks, one SUV), and staging areas at each location. The Red Rock filming location would be accessed from Red Road and the Moon Rock filming location would be accessed from a dirt road that branches off of Winnemucca Ranch Road. Lithia has not proposed improvements or land development in their application. Filming would occur on approximate 360 acre area of public land.

### **Land Use Plan Conformance**

**Land Use Plan Name:** Nevada, Carson City Consolidated Resource Management Plan

**Date Approved/Amended:** May 2001

**The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):**

LND-7, Lands and Realty, Standard Operating Procedures, Item 6;

“Exchanges and minor non-Bureau initiated realty proposals will be considered where analysis indicates they are beneficial to the public.”

### **Compliance with NEPA:**

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 2, Appendix 1, or 516 DM 11.9,

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2 apply.

The applicable section is: 516 DM 11.9 (E) 19: “Issuance of short-term (3 years or less) rights-of-way r land use authorizations for such uses as storage sites, apiary sites, and construction sites where the proposal includes rehabilitation to restore the land to its natural or original condition.”

I considered the following:

### Impacts on Public Health and Safety

1. Does the proposed action have significant impacts on public health and safety?		
YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	X	Shaina Shippen, Realty Specialist
	X	Brian Buttazoni, Planning & Environmental Coordinator

### Impacts on Natural Resources or Unique Geographic Characteristics

2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness or wilderness study areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds (Executive Order 13186); and other ecologically significant or critical areas?		
YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	X	Shaina Shippen, Realty Specialist
	X	Arthur Callan, Outdoor Recreation Planner

### Level of Controversy

3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)]?		
YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	X	Shaina Shippen, Realty Specialist
	X	Brian Buttazoni, Planning & Environmental Coordinator

## Highly Uncertain or Unique or Unknown Environmental Risks

4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?		
YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	X	Shaina Shippen, Realty Specialist
	X	Brian Buttazoni, Planning & Environmental Coordinator

## Precedent Setting

5. Establish a precedent for future action, or represent a decision in principle about future actions, with potentially significant environmental effects?		
YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	X	Shaina Shippen, Realty Specialist
	X	Brian Buttazoni, Planning & Environmental Coordinator

## Cumulatively Significant Effects

6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?		
YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	X	Shaina Shippen, Realty Specialist
	X	Brian Buttazoni, Planning & Environmental Coordinator

### Impacts on Cultural Properties

7. Have significant impacts on properties listed or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the Bureau or office?

YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	X	Rachel Crews, Archeologist

### Impacts on Federally Listed Species or Critical Habitat

8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species?

YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	X	Brian Buttazoni, Planning & Environmental Coordinator for Wildlife Biologist

### Compliance with Laws

9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?

YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	X	Brian Buttazoni, Planning & Environmental Coordinator

## Environmental Justice

10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898)?

YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	X	Brian Buttazoni, Planning & Environmental Coordinator

## Sacred Sites

11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners, or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007)?


YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	X	Rachel Crews, Archeologist

## Noxious and Non-Native Invasive Species

12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area, or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112)?

YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	X	Brian Buttazoni, Planning & Environmental Coordinator

## Approval Information

Leon Thomas	 ACTING FOR	Date
Field Manager		6-12-2015

This categorical exclusion worksheet does not constitute the decision to approve this project. See accompanying LUP grant for appeal information.